

DRAFT City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, November 13th, 2023 at Edna Bay School and via WebEx. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2 — Roll Call:

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| Tyler Poelstra | - Mayor / City Council | (Present) |
| Sandy Henson | - Vice Mayor / City Council | (Present) |
| Myla Poelstra | - Clerk + Treasurer / City Council | (Present) |
| Mike Williams | - City Council | (Absent) |
| Doris Greif | - City Council | (Present) |
| Jay Towne | - City Council | (Absent) |
| Louise DiPaolo | - City Council | (Present) |

2.1 — Public Participants:

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| Roger DiPaolo | Caleb Kitson | Sue Crew | Matthew Yellen | Sarah Yellin |
| John Dodson | | | | |

3 — Consent Agenda:

A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The current agenda was read by Mayor Poelstra.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor, and no objections were noted.

B: Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The following minutes were presented for review:

- 1: Special (Postponed Regular) Meeting Minutes of October 10th, 2023 - No questions.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor, no objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to accept the consent agenda as presented.

- *Seconded by Councilor Henson*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

3.1 — Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a: *Appointing New Harbormaster, Discussion and Decision.*

4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra reported that the new City laptop arrived and was setup.

Mayor Poelstra passed out a draft map from he received from Greg Staunton (DNR) regarding the extended phase of the Parlay 2 timber sale slated to harvest on the Southeast side of Edna Bay. He noted that there is now a 100' buffer bordering Jonathan's property and they are potentially removing half of the harvest due to much of the forest being too young to harvest a this time.

He explained there are still 2 upcoming comment periods regarding this proposal that have not yet

opened, and noted that Greg was marking the roadway behind the fuel facility to plan a new haul route for the timber through town. Greg expressed to the Mayor that they did not rule out using the town road and it appears to be too cost prohibitive to use any other roadways.

Mayor Poelstra suggested that in conversations with our LGS and seeing other legal structures in Alaska, that the City has every right to protect the subdivisions and the locals that live within them. The Matanuska Susitna borough, for example, has adopted an ordinance regulating access to any road in the borough specifically by logging trucks proving that such regulation can be adopted.

He suggested the City form an effective set of questions and begin working with our attorney to create a similar Title to provide case-by-case approval of commercial log truck access to the town roads. He noted the roads were only built to a substandard specification to save costs, and primarily served as a means of getting children to the school so they did not have to travel by water. They were never designed to hold up to a constant barrage of loaded log trucks for months of activity.

After discussion general consensus of those in attendance was opposed to log truck traffic in town. It was agreed that the Mayor should work on drafting questions and reach out to the Municipal Attorney to work on drafting a new road regulation ordinance.

Mayor Poelstra noted he, Louise and Jay would be out in December and asked if everyone was okay with having a meeting by teleconference next month depending on what information can be gathered in time. Consensus was okay with holding a teleconference next month, but an in-person will be held if needed.

He also shared that the new up-n-out ladder for the dock will be evaluated for installation at the dock soon. He explained how the ladder looks and functions to those in attendance.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

No report. No questions on the Treasurer's Report.

7 — Committee Reports

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) stated there was no report.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Michael Williams (Road Chairman) not present. Mayor Poelstra explained that the City is looking at getting LED lighting for the road grader so it's safe to operate during the dark time of year.

It was noted that there is an segment of Alcoa Lane going towards Bartels' that floods out during heavy rain events. The area needs to be reviewed for a new drainage ditch. The log crossing on the road also needs to be evaluated for repair or replacement.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

No report.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) shared that the new tourniquets are in and shared the details of a pamphlet he will be sharing around town that shows how to safely use one in an emergency.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) not present - no report. Roger DiPaolo noted that some wiring in the Fire Truck is not original and is challenging to bypass. He ordered a service manual for the truck and is having some difficulty locating the correct solenoid for the truck but will continue working on it.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

Myla Poelstra stated a meeting needs to be posted to hold an Advisory Board Election in January.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) explained that we need to get the City Skiff in the water so it can be available for a spill if needed, and for breaking up ice around the dock this winter.

A question was raised about where the City is at on a plan for propane. Mayor Poelstra explained that there are several steps and regulatory approvals needed before any movement can happen on this item. Petro has already stated they would work with the City to exchange 100LB bottles.

8 — Old Business

None.

9 — New Business

Item A – Appointing New Harbormaster ...:

Mayor Poelstra expressed his gratitude that there are two volunteers for Harbormaster; Caleb Kitson and Matthew Yellen. After discussion it was agreed to give Caleb Kitson the role for 6 months, giving Matthew and his family time to get settled after moving in and giving Caleb time to see if the logistics of driving to the harbor and the duties involved are working out okay for him.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of Caleb Kitson being nominated for the position of harbormaster for 6 months, no objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor DiPaolo nominated Caleb Kitson to fill the harbormaster position for six months.

- *Seconded by Mayor Poelstra*

- **Approved Unanimously by vote of the council**

10 — Persons to Be Heard

Sue Crew noted that someone had asked about the missing roof cap on the multipurpose building.

11 — Adjournment

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Henson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.